ENERGY SOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) The Pulses Production Programme has already been brought under the preview of Technology Mission on Oilseeds & Pulses with effect from August, 1990.

(b) In order to augment the production and productivity four mini mission are working as under :

Mini Mission-I : To evolve profitable crop production and protection technologies for various regions and crop growing situation.

Mini Mission-II: Establishment of modern dal milling systems for rural and organised sectors for complete modernisation. Development of pulse based products and beneficiation of minor pulses and technology transfer.

Mini Mission-III : Increase the production of pulses from 12.62 million tonnes (average 1986—91) to 17.00 million tonnes by 1996-97.

Mini Mission-IV : To ensure remmunerative prices to farmers growing pulses and stabilise the prices of pulses in the market, to expand and modernise pulses storage facilities, to modernise existing processing facilities for pulses; to modernise the marketing system through better packaging to meet consumers requirements, to increase the availability of a valuable protein supplement at fair prices to consumers and to reduce import of pulses and outflow of foreign exchange.

(c) The Centrally Sponsored National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) is operative in 24 States and UTs of Delhi and A & N Islands with the objective to increase the production and productivity of pulses by adoption of latest production technologies.

Subsidy for Lift Irrigation

112. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have revised the scheme for providing subsidy for 'Lift Irrigation' installed by farmers ;

(b) whether there is any enhancement in the norms for providing financial assistance by way of subsidy or grant ; and

(c) what is the total acreage to be covered and the funds allocated for 1993-94 and for the balance period of Eighth Five Year Plan, State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) to (c) Ministry of Rural Development under their Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) provides assistance for irrigation schemes such as Lift Irrigation Installed by Small and Marginal Farmers having income below the cut off line of Rs. 8500. Assistance is partly given in the form of subsidy by Government and partly as loans advanced by Banks. With effect from April, 1993, pattern of subsidy for all Projects financed under IRDP has been enhanced by Rs. 1000. Existing pattern of subsidy for various schemes including Lift Irrigation is given in statement (*See* below).

Projectwise allocation for Irrigation etc. is not made under IRDP. Total allocation for the programme as a whole in 1993-94 is Rs. 1093.43 crores, of which Central share is Rs. 547.61 crores. Central allocation for the entire period of Eighth Five Year Plan for IRDP is Rs. 3350 crores.

Statement

PATTERN OF SUBSIDY UNDER IRDP W.E.F. 30TH APRIL, 1993

Category	Percentage ceiling	Monetary Ceiling
Small Farmars	25	Rs.4000/— in normal areas and Rs.5000/— in Drought prone Areas programme and Desert Development programme ereas.
Marginal Farmers/ Agriculture Labourers, Non-. Agriculturel Labourers and Rural Artisans	33.33	Rs.4000/— in normal areas and Rs.5000/— in Drought prone Area programme and Desert Development programme Areas.
OF THESE (a) Scheduled Tribes (b) Scheduled Castes (c) Physically Handicapped	50%	Rs.6000/—

No monetary ceilings are applicable for individual minor irrigation projects under IRDP. For community minor irrigation projects more than 50% of the landholders in the Ayacut should be IRDP small and marginal farmers and they should own not less than 25% of the land. Cost apportionable for group members will be in proportion to their land as a percentage of total land in the Ayacut. Of this cost each IRDP family will get 50% subsidy. No monetary ceilings are applicable on the amount of subsidy in such cases also.

Central Assistance to drought Affected States

113. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have released any aids, under special grants from the Central funds for the States hit by drought;

(b) if so, the States which will be benefited under special drought relief aids;

(c) whether these will be additional aids to states from the Central Government other than every budgetary assistance; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Higher Sale Prices of Agriculture Commodities through NAFED

114. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing sale prices of various agricultural commodities e.g. Rice, Pulses, Spices; Dry Fruits; Edible Oil etc. sold through NAFED are higher than that of the Super Bazar and Kendriya Bhandar;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any case of irregularity in the supply, sale and purchase of items through NAFED has come to the notice of Government during the last three years;

(d) if so, the corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken by Government for the effective functioning of NAFED for the benefit of consumers; and

(e) the criteria adopted by the Super Bazar for purchase of commodities from NAFED indicating on what rates and the details of tenders and mode of payment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) NAFED is primarily engaged in the task of promoting and developing marketing of agricultural produce to protect the interest of